

Senate Resolution 253

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Robert Anderson on the occasion of his retirement; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Robert Anderson has given 36 years of diligent service and outstanding
4 leadership to the Columbus Bank and Trust Company and is an inspiration to the people of
5 Columbus, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he graduated from Spencer High School in 1960, holds a Bachelor of Arts in
7 education from Fort Valley State University, and honorably served his country in the United
8 States air force for four years; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson was a science teacher at Baker High School and was coordinating
10 a summer youth work program in 1971 when a bus of supporting businesses leaders came
11 to Cooper Creek Park and heard Mr. Anderson's presentation on the program's progress; and

12 WHEREAS, Jim Blanchard, the newly elected president of Columbus Bank and Trust
13 Company, was on that bus, and, impressed by the presentation, he recruited Mr. Anderson
14 for a management training program; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson accepted and became the first African American to hold a
16 management position for the company; and

17 WHEREAS, he is celebrated by the people of Columbus as a pioneer who rose to success
18 despite the difficulties facing African American businessmen in the 1970's, and he retires
19 with the esteem of his colleagues, family, and neighbors; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson is devoted to his family and church and has served his
21 community on the water board and as a ten-year member of the school board; and

1 WHEREAS, he has brought honor to the City of Columbus and the State of Georgia.

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
3 recognize and commend Mr. Robert Anderson on his 36 years of brilliant management for
4 Columbus Bank and Trust Company and extend to him the best of wishes for a beautiful and
5 fulfilling retirement.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
7 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Robert Anderson.